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street and number 6242 Falls Road not for publication

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Baltimore County

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| name | 1407 Clerkview Road LLC |
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| street and number | 1427 Clarkview Road Suite 500 | telephone | Not Available |
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| city, town | Baltimore | state | MD | zip code | 21200 0016 |
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| city town | Towson | tax map | 69 | tax parcel | 858 | tax ID number | 0308055900 |
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Contributing Resource in National Register District

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Contributing Resource in Local Historic District

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Y. Others: Bara Hills Historic District, RA2008

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\_\_\_\_\_government \_\_\_\_\_unknown

\_\_\_\_ industry      \_\_\_\_ other:      previously listed in the Inventory

## 7. Description

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### Condition

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> altered                 |

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The White Covin House at 6242 Falls Road is located on the west side of Falls Road slightly south of the intersection at Falls Road and Old Pimlico Road. The house is situated directly facing Falls Road and was built in 1868. An addition appears to have been added to the western façade in the early 1900's. There are a few bushes that separate the front yard from the roadway. This property faces several small retail establishments that are located on the east side and is flanked by a vacant lot to the north and south and a deteriorated frame building to the west. The house is part of a historic African American community called "Scott Settlement" in the area known as Bare Hills.

The property is two stories, four bays wide and clad in gray shingles. The roof is covered in green asphalt shingles. There are two doors and two windows on the first story and a full-length shed roof that is supported by five round wood columns. The second story contains three windows that are located directly over the first floor openings with the exception of the space over the southern most door. The windows are double hung one over one sash. A brick chimney is located off center in the southern most portion of the structure. A two story rear addition projects from the west elevation. The asphalt clad shed roof is at a slightly lower pitch than the main roof. A small one over one modern window is located on the second floor of the southern facing façade of the addition. There are no windows on the southern façade of the main block. The rear of the addition features a central doorway flanked by a modern horizontally sliding window to the south. The second floor has two modern sliding windows. The northern façade of the addition also contains one sliding window on each floor. A small second story window that appears to have been covered up is situated on the second floor of the northern façade of the main block.

## 8. Significance

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| Period  | Areas of Significance                            | Check and justify below                               |   |  |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> economics                    | <input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine        | <input type="checkbox"/> performing arts           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology              | <input type="checkbox"/> education                    | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy                |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering                  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government       |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999 | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/<br>recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion                  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2000-                | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage   | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science                   |  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/<br>settlement   | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social history |  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning      |   | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime history       | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation            |  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation            |   | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____              |  |

**Specific dates** 1868 - **Architect/Builder** Matthew Yates Jr.

**Construction dates** ca. 1868, 1927

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The White-Covin House (Mathew Yates Jr. House) was placed on the Baltimore County Final Landmarks List by unanimous vote in January of 2005 for contributing significantly to the County's historical heritage, for its association with the county's distinctive African American culture, and the Scott family's settlement in Bare Hills. In addition, the property was cited as being a distinctive example of early African-American vernacular architecture as well as having the potential to yield archeological evidence of unrecorded African-American history. It was added to the list with several other properties along Falls Road that were also considered contributing structures in the Bare Hills Historic District (BA-2998), the Bare Hills African American Survey District (BA-3050) and the Scott Settlement Historic District (BA-3044).

When examining the landmarks proposal, the Landmarks Preservation Commission heard testimony from Enid Freeman, an African American history expert from Morgan State University as well as members of the Scott family. Staff also presented information to the commission that had been documented as part of the E.H.T. Tracer survey of historic African American communities, which included Bare Hills, and was conducted in 2002.

The houses included in the nomination are part of one of Baltimore County's oldest, pre-Civil War communities of free African-Americans. The name "Scott Settlement" comes from the Reverend Aquilla Scott, who had been born in St. Mary's County in 1784. Aquilla Scott was the son of Tobias Scott, a man who had been freed, along with his descendants, for saving the life of his owner, a slave-ship captain. Reverend Scott died at his pulpit in 1858 and is buried in the family cemetery on the property. Matthew Yates Sr. married one of Aquilla Scott's daughters, which resulted in Scott deeding land to him in order to construct a house.<sup>1</sup> The 1850 Atlas of Baltimore County depicts a house for "Yates" and "A. Scott".<sup>2</sup>

Like the buildings in many of the older African-American communities throughout the County, the homes in Scott Settlement are architecturally modest vernacular examples that generally lack the stylistic treatments typical of high style structures. The White-Covin House is representative of that style and

<sup>1</sup> Baltimore County Land and Will Records, Baltimore County Courthouse, Towson, Maryland: AWB 391:259

<sup>2</sup> Sidney, J. C. *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys*. Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.

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dates to the post Civil War era. The house was built in 1868 by Matthew Yates' son Matthew Yates Junior which was confirmed by his testimony at a 1910 Circuit Court hearing.<sup>3</sup> The house measurements also match the second house on the Yates house tax assessment from 1918; the addition must have been added at some point afterwards. The house was valued at \$487.00.<sup>4</sup> This makes the property one of the oldest in Baltimore County that can be attributed to an African American builder and adds to the importance of the settlement's history.

The Scott Settlement buildings contribute significantly to the County's heritage for their association with the achievements of antebellum free African-Americans; as distinctive examples of vernacular architecture forming a community of modest means; and for their potential to yield archeological evidence of unrecorded African-American history. There is no evidence that the information used to make the decision to place the property on the Preliminary Landmarks List is inaccurate. In fact, the additional information that has been included strengthens the validity of the landmark decision.

Based on photographs from 2005, the structure has changed little since its addition to the Final Landmarks List. The condition and architectural details of the structure's interior were not examined nor cited as part of the significance of the nomination at the original hearing.

<sup>3</sup> Maryland State Archives, Baltimore County Circuit Court Records: 231:290

<sup>4</sup> Baltimore County Tax Ledger-District 4, 1918, 175.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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E.H.T. Traceries. *Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form, Bare Hills African American Survey District, BA-3050*, November 11, 2002.  
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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property .32 Acre  
Acreage of historical setting 40 Perches  
Quadrangle name Cockeysville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The house is located at 6242 Falls Road in Bare Hills near Mount Washington in the Third Election District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with Tax Map 69, Parcel 858 since its construction circa 1868.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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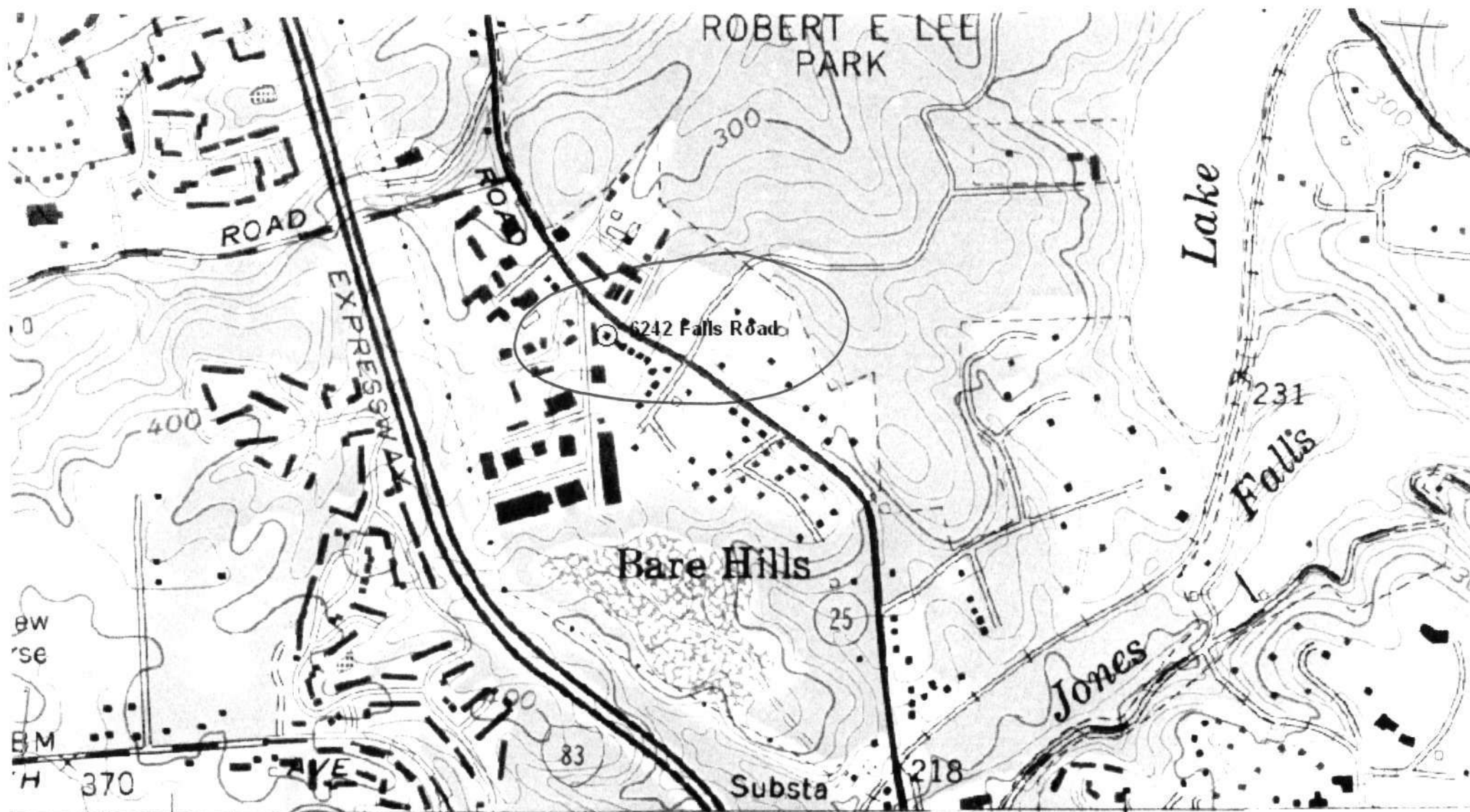
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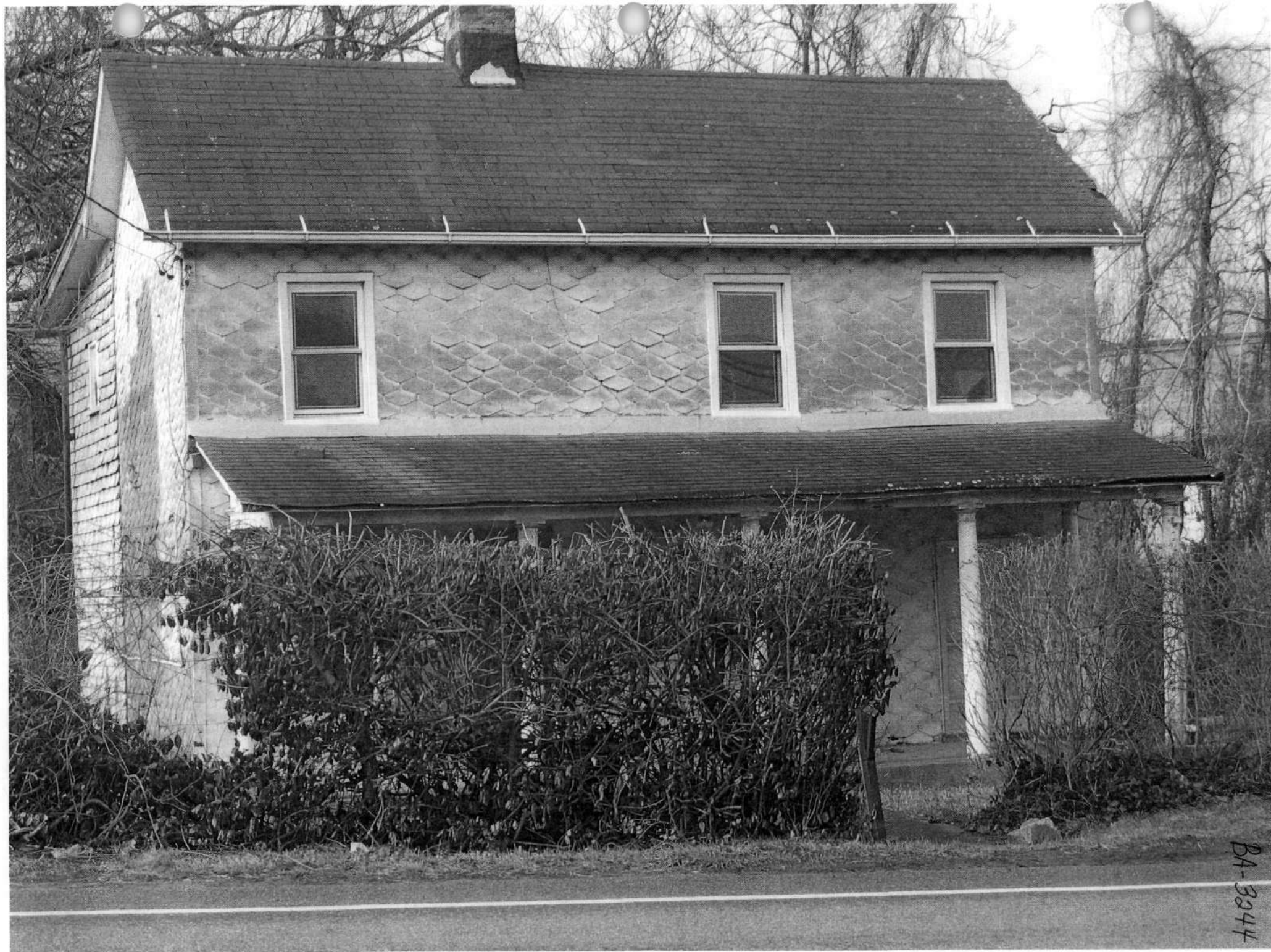
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